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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 21, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 21, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are listed on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.